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| SHINJI ERITATE ET AL. |) | Examiner: Alix Echelmeyer |
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| Filed: September 15, 2004 |) | |
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| For: MEMBRANE ELECTRODE |) | |
| ASSEMBLY, PRODUCTION |) | |
| METHOD FOR THE SAME, AND |) | |
| PROTON-EXCHANGE |) | |
| MEMBRANE FUEL CELL |) | February 21, 2007 |

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the attached Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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